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Nardi Clarifies Cash 'Crisis'

(Photo by Xenophon A. Beake)

Peil Pennington, UMass. quarterback, left; Chief Harry Schneider, Fire Dept.; Alan MacRae, Easter Seal Ambassador; and Deputy Chief William DeForge, Fire Dept.; attending Coffee Day Chairmen.s Kick-off party at Treadway Inn, March 12.

Chief Schneider Heads Coffee Day

Chief Harry Schneider of the Fire Department is local chairman of the annual Coffee Day event which begins Thursday.

The Massachusetts Easter Seal Society, through its Western Massachusetts regional services office and with the help of scores of volunteers for crippled children and adults will begin its 1974 annual Coffee Day in Agawam on March 28.

Beginning on March 28 and continuing until April 11, the public is asked to buy a Coffee Day button for one dollar at any of the hundreds of participating eating places throughout the state. On April 11, which is Coffee Day, persons who have a button may drink free coffee at any participating establishment.

Chief Schneider, in urging community support, cited some of the local Easter Seal services for the physically disabled of all ages. These include a program to provide better housing, transportation and education; rehabilitative services; camping and recreation for the disabled, and its participation in the establishment of a child advocacy project.

Around Agawam

ROBINSON PARK P.T.O. FASHION SHOW

Final plans have been made for the Robinson Park Elementary School P.T.O.'s Beeline fashion show to be held Thursday, March 28, at 8 p.m., in the school cafetorium.

Models will be members of the P.T.O. Clothes for the whole family will be shown. Admission will be free.

This is the major fund raising project of the year, and the organization is seeking the cooperation of the public.

Profits from this project will be used in the school. There will also be a drawing held for a jacket, and a doorprize will be awarded. Coffee and dessert will be served. The public is invited.

DINNER DANCE

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its annual dinner dance on Saturday, April 6th, at St. Anne's Country Club.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and a buffet at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Bart Nascimbini.

Tickets are now available and club members are encouraged to invite guests. Reservations should be made with social chairman, Mrs. Paul Lussier or Mrs. Richard Michnovetz before March 30.

PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE

Applications for 34 summer positions are now available at the Parks and Recreation Office. Persons must apply in person between the hours of 9 and 4 p.m.

Applicants must live in Agawam and be a senior in high school going on to further education or already in college.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department by April 30.

SQUARE DANCE

The Vagabonds Square Dance Club will feature Ralph Clark of Springfield as the dance caller on Saturday, April 6th at 8:00 p.m. at St. Matthews School, Indian Orchard.

This will be a graduation dance.

All western square dancers are invited to attend. Door prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

LA LECHE LEAGUE FORMS NEW GROUP

LaLeche League, an international organization offering information and support to nursing mothers, has formed a new group to serve the Agawam area.

Meetings are open to nursing mothers and their babies, pregnant and other interested women. The meetings will be held on the first Mondays of the month at the home of Mrs.

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Edwards To Serve As Editor

Alan S. Edwards of 49 Woodside Dr., Agawam, will serve as editor of American International College's weekly student newspaper, "The Yellow Jacket," for the spring term, according to Prof. Lee C. Sirois, director of student activities.

A senior political science major, Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Edwards, recently returned from Washington, D.C., where he spent six weeks as an intern with the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of AIC's Intersession program. He is a graduate of Agawam High School and transferred to AIC from Worcester Tech.

MARY DELNEGRO COMPLETES COURSE

Mary DelNegro has successfully completed Course I of the 1974 Winter Realtor's Institute of Massachusetts according to an announcement by Robert P. Nolin, Dean of the Institute.

The course, presented by the Massachusetts Association of Real Estate Boards as a segment of it's program of Continuing Education, was held at the Highpoint Motor Inn, Chicopee.

The course covered such subjects as Construction, Real Estate Law, Marketing, Finance, Appraising, Advertising, Land Economics, Listing Techniques, Office Organization, and Ethical Practices over a 30-hour period.

Mrs. DelNegro is associated with C—Key Realty Inc. and resides at 45 Maple Ave., with her husband Vincent.

Mrs. DelNegro's daughter, Dorothy, is married to Norman Nardi, a member of the police force. Mr. and Mrs. Nardi and their children, Jeffery, Janice and James live at 1201 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

BAY PATH TO HOLD ANNUAL RECITAL

Jane Dyer and Deborah Taupier, both of Agawam, are among the members of Bay Path Junior College's Glee Club and Chamber Singers who will perform at the Seventh Annual Faculty Recital, with the College's music director, Charles Page. The event, open to the public free of charge, is set for Tuesday, April 2 at 8 p.m., St. Paul's Church, Dwight Rd., Springfield. Miss Dyer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DiRosa of School St., and Miss Taupier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Taupier of Woodside Dr.

Councilor Explains Move, States Facts

The School Committee's request to transfer funds from its operation budget to its transportation account has not been approved by the Town Council.

Postponement of the transfer was brought about by Council Frederick Nardi's charter objection.

The town charter allows a charter objection on the first occasion that the question on adoption of measure is put to the council. If a single member objects to the taking of the vote, the vote shall be postponed until the next meeting of the town council whether regular or special. The next regular meeting of the Town Council is April 1.

In response to reports of an alleged "cash crisis", Councilor Nardi said:

"On Tuesday, March 19, the Springfield Daily News reported that Agawam faces a cash crisis in school transit because I moved to delay transfer of funds. The Daily News, as usual, printed the headline in a manner that gave the impression that I am responsible for funds not being made available for bus transportation.

"This whole problem stems from the fact that Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Gardner, failed to correct the problem before it happened. This fact has been admitted by the school department.

"The other fact that I would like to bring out is that recently Mr. Gardner asked the Town Council to approve $610,000 for teacher's salaries because another mistake had been made. After many meetings with the Town Council, Mr. Gardner finally agreed that the sum could be reduced to $570,000 for a $40,000 reduction.

"My contention is that the larger sum that was asked for contained a $40,000 cushion so that this extra money would then be used to pay for bus transportation and, as such, the "boo-boo" that Mr. Gardner admits was made on bus transportation projection would then go unnoticed. It was a great idea, but it back-fired because Mr. Gardner then tried to put federal funds Title One and Six together to try to cover up the bus problem. These federal funds were given to Agawam to provide instructions for learning of disabled children in elementary grades as defined by Title One. The record sum of money that Mr. Gardner tried to transfer illegally was another federal grant known as Title Six which is supposed to be used for a speech therapist as a means to correct speech and/or therapy. Why penalize these two projects that are so badly needed?

"I have no quarrel with providing money to transport our school children. Mr. Gardner should have come before the Town Council and stated his problem as it was and not try to come in the back door under a grey cloud. If this had been done, I am certain every member of the council would have provided the funds. Mr. Gardner knew several months ago that the funds would be needed, but he tried to cover the problem up by a budget manipulation. This manipulation of the school budget occurs every year in the form of over budgeting for many items so that the monies can be played with in other areas. The rationale used by the school administration is that no one is allowed to see the detailed school budget anyway, and that no one will know the difference.

"This is why I have asked the school administrator to allow the Town Council to see the school budget, but last year, as well as this year, the answer has been 'No'. This year the school department asked the Town Council to send three members to sit in on the budget meetings. The three councilors have attended the budget meetings, but have never been given a copy of the budget. Why not, Mr. Gardner?

"As has been said in the past, the School Committee is a legislative body that sets the policy. The superintendent is the administrative body. This is your budget, Mr. Gardner, that is prepared by you and presented to the School Committee for approval.

"I urge all citizens to attend the school budget hearing Monday, March 25 at 8:00 o'clock in the Middle School to get a first hand look at a deplorable presentation of a budget that reflects 50 per cent of your tax dollars."

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert W. Gardner, was not available for comment at press time.

News In The Ninth

Rep. Edward W. Connelly

9th Hampden District

Much of the legislature's work involves special problems that involve a specific group of people—people who need and deserve help, people who have gotten a bad deal, people who are seeking special favors. It is surprising and sometimes shocking how much of our time is taken up with bucketsful of bills asking for just one more exemption to the already riddled pension laws or just one more assistant court clerkship to be created for somebody's candidate already picked and waiting in the wings to fill the new job.

But this week when the joint Committee on Government Regulations held a hearing on the fuel adjustment clause that allows electric utilities to pass on their increased fuel costs to their customers, we were dealing with an issue that affects everybody in Massachusetts. This issue has probably generated more mail and more interest in the state's legislative process than anything else this year.

And rightly so. People are bewildered. They have been asked to use less electricity. The people of Massachusetts have responded and our reduction in power use is way above the rest of the nation. So people are rightly angry when their power bills have shot up.

They have a right to be angry with the utilities because the companies have not recognized their responsibility to the public. The electric companies have not adjusted to what is now an entirely new game.

The change in attitude and procedures will have to be basic. It will have to go well beyond this week's question of the fuel adjustment clause.

The companies are telling people to use less electricity. But at the same time they are still rewarding the biggest users with the lowest rates.

The public won't put up with this any more, this old fashioned assumption that bigger means better, and they won't put up with footing the bill with their electricity payments for the utilities image advertising and lobbying expenses.

Many bills and much testimony on the fuel adjustment clause reflected the public's anger. Proposals ranged from making the companies absorb all fuel increases, which would probably not be allowed by the courts, to various plans to share different percentages of the increase.

Final legislation must require the companies to swallow part of the increased fuel costs. Allowing them to pass it on to the public kills the companies' incentive to do serious competitive shopping for their fuel.

Public hearings should be required when fuel adjustment costs change by more than a set percentage.

All companies must compute their fuel adjustment charges in a uniform manner.

The companies must use uniform billing forms so that the fuel adjustment charge is shown clearly and in the same way throughout the state.

Beyond that, the companies must realize that times have changed. They can no longer merchandise electricity the way gas stations used to push gas by giving away funny glasses. It's a new game now.

BOOKS IN REVIEW

By Donna Terrio

In the last few years we have been compelled to realize the plight of the North American Indian.

By banding together in groups like A.I.M. (American Indian Movement), the ancestors of this country's first inhabitants have sought to make the white man aware of the discrimination and injustices against them. Books like **"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee"** by Dee Brown, and **"Custer Died for Your Sins"** by Vine Deloria have been highly acclaimed and are being read widely.

In keeping with the trend of current young adult literature—to reflect the problems and events of today's society—a great many books are being written on the subject of the North American Indian.

"Shadi" by Margaret Embry is the story of Emma, a Navajo Indian girl, the eldest of eight children, who, while at school, assumes the responsibility for looking after her brothers and sisters. When there is talk of placing the baby in a foster home, however, Emma wonders if she should not leave school and return to the reservation to raise Pippa herself and live according to the old ways. She is constantly torn between the white man's world and that of the Navajo, a dilemma shared by many young Indians of today.

Molly Cone's **"Number Four"** presents a similar predicament for Benjamin Turner, the fourth Indian about to graduate from Douglas High School in the town's history. Benjamin has never thought much about being an Indian until his brother dies in an auto accident. Comments from the whites in town make Benjamin realize the existence of discrimination against his people, so he embarks on a crusade to restore pride to his fellow Indians and to resolve the question of his own unsettled identity. The fact that **"Number Four"** is based on actual events and real people makes it a powerful and moving story.

Although discrimination plays a minor role in current teen fiction on Eskimos, the character's need for choosing between two worlds is most significant. One example is **"Julie of the Wolves"** by Jean Craighead George, the Newberry Award winner for 1972. Thirteen-year-old Miyax (Julie) can no longer live with her terrifying husband Daniel and his family. Armed with a knowledge of hunting learned from her father, Miyax sets out across the tundra and heads for San Francisco, the home of her pen- pal. She discovers she is lost in a vast ocean of grass and her only chance for survival depends on befriending a pack of wolves. Slowly and carefully she studies their habits and interactions until she learns to speak their language and is accepted. Her solitude spurs Miyax to reflect on her past and examine her present situation. She becomes aware that soon she must make a decision on how she will live her future.

Each of these works teaches us perhaps a little more about Indian life at present than we can grasp from television news and magazine articles. All three deal with the very essence of the Indian problem—the ambiguity of life itself.

Art Carney for Easter Seals:

As an actor, I try to make people laugh. Easter Seal therapists make people's lives brighter in a more permanent way. They teach crippled children and adults to walk and those with speech problems to talk. Won't you help Easter Seals to help them?

March 1 — April 14

social dancing

By Elizabeth Meissner

Could "social dancing" become a good sport for youth????

Dancing, for some reason, has brought many negative reactions from youth as well as some adults. Yet, after all the fun and games are over, and after any social where one just eats and drinks, isn't there a void in the lives of young people as well as some adults?

Will this generation become another generation of sitters, just eating and drinking and not balancing their social life with the fun of good "Social Dancing"?

Can our youth meet the challenge of learning an enjoyable activity known more by their grandparents than their parents? In Social Dance one must listen to a variety of music, become actively involved in learning basic and a variety of steps to many dances.

Social Dancing now is being combined with soft rock and dances of many cultures which makes it even more enjoyable, and therefore this type of activity is ageless, and can link peoples of all economical and cultural backgrounds in an open and cheerful atmosphere.

Programs in Social Dance can be flexible enough to appeal to various age groups and help young people become aware of the many different problems they may come across in learning to enjoy a well-rounded social life.

So with this in mind I ask again

Can "Social Dancing" become another good sport for youth????

Dear Editor

The CITIZEN welcomes contributions to this section with the understanding that opinions expressed are solely those of the letter writers, and not necessarily of this newspaper.

All letters must be signed with name and address, although the name will be withheld on request. No name will be disclosed to anyone without the consent of the writer. The editor reserves the right to leave out, or refuse publication of, any letters not in good taste or repetitious in nature. Anyone wishing to reply to published letters will be given space to do so, subject to the above policies. Letters longer than 250 words will be cut. Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

WANTS DANGER ARRESTED

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Route 57 committee, I would like to urge all citizens of Agawam to become involved. I am confident that together, we can put an end to this safety hazard. I urge all of you to write both your state legislators and the Department of Public Works. I have attached one of the letters that I sent last week to the Commissioner of Public Works, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Mr. Campbell:

My name is Don Rheault. I am a councilman of the Town of Agawam, and a member of the Route 57 committee. I believe I can speak with the most understanding of this critical situation, living directly on Route 57 (Mill Street).

During the past several months, I have spoken with several hundred people who live either on Mill Street or in the general area of Route 57. I share with them their personal grievances and frustrations. The noise and fumes are unbearable. The traffic is getting progressively worse, and at times unbearable. The safety of several hundred people is involved and our lives and that of our children are being challenged daily. We are at a complete loss to understand how anyone could end a State Highway directly into a residential school district. This is really beyond belief.

We have experienced a recent tragedy on Route 57, and in the past few years, others have unfortunately lost their lives. Each day the State procrastinates, it is challenging the lives of several hundred people. This highway proposal is over twelve years old. Must we risk the possibility of a major tragedy to expedite completion?

I am sure you are aware that there are three schools, a church, recreational areas, and many homes which lie directly on Route 57. It is also a direct walk area for school children, and a school bus route. Every day I fear for the innocent children awaiting their bus on the side of this extremely heavily traveled road. The cars come to a screeching halt every day as the busses come to a stop. God forbid if one of those cars was to hit a slick of ice or have to swerve out of the way of an oncoming car. Several innocent children could become victims!

The time is long overdue to complete Route 57. The problem can only compound itself. The longer the state procrastinates, the greater the safety risk to all concerned, say nothing of the expense. The people are up in arms and I cannot say that I blame them. I strongly urge you to act as expeditiously as possible. Over twelve years of waiting is long enough. Please make Route 57 your number one priority. Complete Route 57 and arrest this danger.

"It's wanted for murder" . .

Sincerely,
Donald M. Rheault
Councilman, Precinct 3

THINKS COUNCILOR IS RIGHT

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed the Citizen of March 11. It is indeed good that Agawam can have its very own newspaper. I especially enjoyed Councilman Benjamin's letter and he is so right about the Springfield Newspapers and their "would-be-reporter." Sometimes, in addition to gross distortions, they don't even print some of the important news from Agawam.

Councilman Benjamin's letter was well written and very clear. I'm glad he explained that if certain members of the town council were opposed to the new form of government **"IT WAS A PRIVATE CHOICE EXERCISED AT THE POLLS."** In my opinion those nine words were the most important words in the whole paper. The citizens in our town - the concerned citizens know that we have a choice and we to exercise it, and I hope that biased, distorted reporting in an out-of town newspaper will only serve to remind every person in Agawam that this is all the more reason to go to Town Council meetings and find out exactly what's going on.

Even though Councilman Benjamin's letter was excellent I can't resist a little good-natured scolding. He should have added that if town residents can't attend council meerings, they can read it in the Citizen! After all, that's where we read his fine letter.

Thanks again for a much needed paper in our town and give us more news about our town government.

Concerned Taxpayer

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Agawam Y.M.C.A., Mill Street. Members' children up to ten years old are invited and are reminded to bring their own baskets. Raindate is April 13.

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Around Agawam

Richard Berryman, 44 De Palma St., Feeding Hills. The first meeting will be on Monday, April 1, at 8 p.m. For further information, call group leader, Mrs. James Fournier, 786-2290.

JR. WOMEN'S CLUB V.D. FILM

On Tuesday, March 26, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will present "Tomorrow Happens Today", an informative film produced by the March of Dimes Foundation.

The film explains the symptoms and effects of venereal disease. The program will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House and is open to all Agawam women.

Following the movie, Miss Ann Sheridan, pediatric nurse-practitioner and teacher at the University of Massachusetts, will discuss first aid and safety in the home and will give suggestions for care of the sick child. Miss Helen Auton, R.N. will assist. A question and answer period will follow.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has announced that it has made five $100 scholarships available to Agawam students. Applications may be obtained at the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

One of the scholarships is designated for an Agawam woman returning to school to continue her education.

Those wishing applications for this scholarship may contact Mrs. Belico at the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

GRIDIRON MOTHERS ELECT OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Agawam Gridiron Mothers the officers elected for the 1974-75 season are Mrs. Carol Miller, president; Mrs. Mary Jane Stuart, vice president; Mrs. Gloria Gloster, treasurer; Mrs. Marion Ekstedt, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Ann LaBranche, corresponding secretary.

The Gridiron Mothers, a non profit organization, supports the Agawam High School Football program.

This year the group will award over $1,500 in scholarships to graduating senior football players who are continuing their education.

Roger LeClerc, new head coach at Agawam and Former Star of the Chicago Bears, spoke at the meeting and answered questions concerning all aspects of football.

The final meeting of the year will be a Mothers' Banquet on April 1 at Ciro's. All mothers and Alumni mothers are invited and reservations may be made by contacting the banquet chairman, Mrs. Peg Bonavita.

NEWCOMER'S CLUB TO MEET

The Agawam-West Springfield Newcomers Club will hold its monthly meeting on April 2 at 8:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street.

All women new to Agawam or West Springfield are invited to join us and make many new friends. For any further information, please call 786-2262, Newcomers Club Membership Chairman.

GRANGE MEETS APRIL 2

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, April 2 at 8 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West St.

Following the business meeting, a group of young people from the Agawam High School will present songs and dances from the musical "Camelot" recently produced at the high school. This production was under the direction of Mr. Darcy Davis who will accompany the students. The Grange welcomes friends who wish to hear the program.

A social hour will follow the program. Edgar and Kitty Gillis are co-chairmen of the refreshment committee assisted by Mrs. Barbara Kenyon.

ROBINSON PARK P.T.O. BAKE SALE

The Robinson Park Elementary School P.T.O. will sponsor a Bake Sale at the school on the night of Open House, on March 27.

There will be an assortment of cookies, cakes, breads and pies on hand.

SENIOR CENTER

The next hypertension clinic will be April 3, at 12:45 and not in March.

The bowling score for this week is:

Fred Vogt	103
Lee Foster	100
Jack Sweeney	104
Edith Michaud	104
Al Michaud	101

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Agawam Womens Club will hold its annual Gentlemens Nite meeting on March 25 at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 8 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Hal Stanton on "The Golden Age Of Movies."

Stanton, well known television personality, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1935. He then became a theater manager in Massachusetts and Connecticut. In 1942 he became a U.S. Air Force weather forecaster for four years. Hal Stanton is also with Channel 22, hosting the old time movies. He is host of Hollywood and The Stars on Thursday nights and the Zane Grey Theater, on Sunday evenings.

He is Vice President of Public relations at Bay State Film Productions.

Stanton will present a variety of Golden Age movies for the club and their gentlemen guests.

The invocation for the evening will be given by Mrs. Robert M. Lewis and hospitality is under the direction of Mrs. Clifford Catchepaugh.

All women of Agawam are welcome to join the Agawam Womens Club. You may contact Mrs. Clifford Catchepaugh at 786-1603 or Mrs. Lewis S. Kalesnik at 733-7444.

RECEPTION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AT AIC

Secondary school seniors as well as students at two-year colleges throughout Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, along with their parents, are being invited to two Sunday afternoon receptions at American International College.

Dr. Austin W. Flint, dean of admissions at AIC, said the first reception will be held Sunday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the Schwartz Campus Center Auditorium, and the second will be April 21 at the same time.

Dean Flint said that several undergraduates at the college along with faculty from AIC's three separate schools, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, and Psychology and Education, will be on hand to meet the prospective new students. Several members of the alumni association's admissions committee and representatives of the college's admission's office will also be present.

Flint said, "It gives both students and parents an opportunity to meet faculty, department chairmen and deans, as well as current undergraduates and to personally discuss all aspects of college life at AIC."

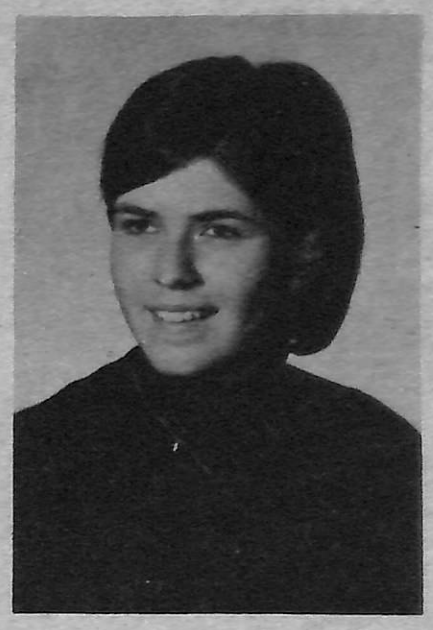
Winners Announced

Trophies were presented to three students for their winning posters in the Conservation Poster Contest sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Poster theme was "Man does not live by development alone".

Winners are from left to right:

Steve Favreau, Robinson Park School, second place; Donna Cruickshank, Granger School, third place; Ms. Shirley Rinaldi, Conservation chairman; Steve Berard, Clark School, first place.

Engagements



The engagement of Miss Paula Marie Kingston to Harold Sperry Wright Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright of Agawam has been announced by her parents Mr. Cecelia Battisti Kingston of Hastings-on Hudson, N.Y. and Paul R. Kingston.

The bride elect was graduated from State University of New York at Potsdam where she received a degree in elementary education.

Mr. Wright is an alumnus of Clarkson College of Technology where he received a degree in electrical and computer engineering.

The couple plan an April 13 wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodor G. Wallace of 90 School St. have announced the engagment of their daughter, Miss Deborah Jean Wallace to George D. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Smith Jr. of 128 Blueberry Hill Road, Longmeadow.

Miss Wallace was graduated from Agawam High School and Bay Path Junior College, Longmeadow. She is employed by Dr. Joseph C. McCarthy.

Her fiance, a graduate of Westminster School, Simsbury, Conn., is an alumnus of American International College. He is employed by Holyoke Card & Paper Co.

An Oct. 19 wedding is planned.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Query of 17 Wyman St. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Aprille Corinne Query to Richard Arnold Soderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold F. Soderman of 705 Mill St.

Miss Query was graduated from Cathedral High School and is a senior sociology major at Emmanuel College, Boston.

Her fiance, a graduate of Agawam High School, is a senior at Western New England College where he is majoring in engineering.

A June 8 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dino C. Piccin of 18 Mulberry Street announce the engagement of their daughter Deena to Mark A. Maniscalchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Maniscalchi of 112 Brien Street.

Miss Piccin is a graduate of Agawam High School and Albertus Magnus College. She is employed by Drs. Lester Goldsmith and Edward Gerstein as a dental assistant.

Her fiance is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holy Cross College. He is an English teacher at Southwick High School.

A July 12 wedding is planned.

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8-10 SQUIRTS								
Agawam Americans	N	2	12	5	0	24	75	34
Blackhawks	W	1	12	2	3	27	55	21
Canadians	E	4	8	6	2	18	40	34
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10-12 PEEWEES								
Agawam Aces	N	1	10	3	4	24	65	42
W. Braves	S	4	9	7	2	20	59	49
**Blues	W	4	7	7	2	16	46	41
12-14 Bantams								
Agawam Indians	N	6	5	8	4	14	27	35
Bee	E	5	7	8	3	17	39	41
Flyers	W	6	7	8	2	16	32	40
14-16 MIDGETS								
Agawam Aces	N	4	6	7	2	14	40	34
Bees	S	11	2	16	0	4	17	51

Mighty Mites Victory

By Laurie Lazazzera

The Torino Mighty Mites extended their unbeaten streak to 17-0-1 this week when they routed Van Horn 7-0.

Van Horn might have had a chance to catch up if the Mighty Mites hadn't erupted for four goals in the third period. Mike LaZazzera opened up the scoring with just 44 seconds gone by in the game, when he rebounded in his own shot. Just 12 seconds later LaZazzera set up Joey Warren to make it 2-0 Mighty Mites. Van Horn almost wrecked David Liptak's shutout when they had a breakaway, but defenseman Gary Webster got back in time to take the man out of the play.

The Mighty Mites third line of Peter Sibilia, Danny Decosmo, Chris Juzba and defensemen Tommy and Joey Dussault started throwing their weight around early in the second period to show Van Horn just who they were contending with. At 6:36 Gary Farendino got a slashing penalty but the Mites killed it off successfully. Tom Hannon took a nice pass from Kevin Kamyk and just skated away with it and put it home to make it 3-0 Mighty Mites.

The Mighty Mites skated away with the rest of the game. At 7:57 of the third period Kevin Kamyk and Dean Liptak set Tom Hannon up for his second goal of the game. He lifted it right over the goalie's left shoulder, he had no chance on it at all. Joey Warren scored his second goal of the game at 4:57 with an assist to Mike LaZazzera. Thirty seconds later defenseman Frankie Rondelletto sneaked in and lifted one over the goalies left shoulder to make it 6-0, and at 3:47 Tom Hannon put the icing on the cake. It was also his third goal of the game for the hat trick.

ATTENTION BASKETBALL BUFFS

Ever wonder how well the Park and Recreation Girl's Basketball coaches can play basketball? Well, on Friday, March 29, at 7:00 at the Junior High School you'll get to find out.

To cap off the season, the Girl's Basketball coaches have challenged each other to a closing season game. The excitement is high, the admission is free, and everyone is invited to come and see the fun.

TOWN SPORTS

Agawam Athletic Association

STANDINGS
(as of March 19)

AAA BOY'S BASKETBALL

8-10 LEAGUE	W	L
Frasco Bldrs.	9	0
Chriscola	8	1
Duda Rubbish	7	2
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Elks #1	3	6
AA #1	2	7
AA #2	1	8
Elks #2	0	9
10-12 LEAGUE		
Depalmas	10	0
Wonder Meats	7	3
Elks (2174)	5	5
AA #1	5	5
St. John's	2	8
AA #2	1	9
13-15 LEAGUE		
Elks (2174)	10	0
AA	7	3
Polish Club	6	4
Edwards Drug	3	7
St. John's	3	7
Elks #2	0	10
16-18 LEAGUE		
451 Dealers	9	0
Hoopers	8	1
Best	8	2
Elks	3	5
Knights	3	6
Yankees	3	6
Trojans	2	6
76ers	0	9

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
(at High School)

March 27 at 6:15
1st Place vs. 4th Place
March 27 at 7:30
2nd Place vs. 3rd Place
March 28 at 6:15
Winners play for championship

AAA GIRL'S BASKETBALL

8-10 LEAGUE	
1. Lion's Club Pee Wee's	10- 0
2. Lion's Club Pandas	6- 4
3. Lion's Club Devil's	4- 6
4. Lion's Club Midnight's	0-10
13-15 LEAGUE	
1. Green Gables	8-3
1. Langone Plbg.	8-3
2. Trolio's Pizza	6-5
3. Gina's Bakery	0-11
10-12 LEAGUE	
1. E-Con-O-Sales	9-0
2. Elks 2174	6-3
3. Russo Const.	3-6
4. Gino's Package	0-9

On Tuesday, March 19, Trolio's Pizza played a strong enough game to knock Green Gables back into a tie for first place. Trolio's led throughout, increasing their lead as the game progressed. They were ahead 9-4 at the half and then pulled ahead during the third quarter crowning the victory with a 21-10 win.

Although Trolio's is in third place, they have already knocked off the first place team twice. On Tuesday, they meet Langone Plumbing and may again do the same.

High scorers: Trolio's Pizza: Barb Landers 12, Denise Tetreault 4, Debbie Hamel 3. Green Gables: Karen Edwards 3, Bev Edwards 3, Karen Tyburski 3.

ACES DEFEAT VAN HORN

By Rose Palazzi

Agawam Aces 10-12A came on strong as the first goal was made in the first minute. Paul Couture tipped the puck into the nets from a grand pass from Tommy DeCosmo. The second goal was also made from a pair with Jeff Masi getting the goal and Alan Hardina the assist. It proved that good passing ability is a great asset to a team.

Van Horn scored their first goal after the Aces' second goal, giving Agawam a good fight as both teams are in the top three.

The third and fourth goal for Agawam were made shorthanded by Steve Palazzi assisted by Tom DeCosmo.

The second period was scoreless as both teams were playing defensive hockey.

Two additional Agawam goals were made in the third period by Tommy DeCosmo assisted by Paul Couture and a solo slap shot by Tom DeCosmo. The final score 6-2, Agawam's victory.

Five of the six goals were done by good passing and team effort. Craig Cosby did well in the nets.

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Sar Talk.....

Sportsmanship is the game.

"I think the idea was fantastic. Even though many people were skeptical about it, I had complete faith that the kids would come through, and they've done even better than I expected," boasted Gerry Mason, president of the Agawam Ahtletic Association. Mason was referring to the success of AAA's recent raffle. The young people of AAA handled the entire project. The purpose of the raffle was to provide the winners of both the girls and boys basketball leagues with jackets, which symbolize their victories.

AAA's purpose for having a raffle is not only to provide money for the purchase of award jackets, but to promote a virtue that one comes across less and less nowadays . . . sportsmanship. The main purpose of AAA is not only to get kids involved in sports but to advocate "being a good sport". AAA is doing a highly commendable job in teaching the kids this virtue of sportsmanship with the raffle. "The beauty of it is that these raffles are held near the end of each season. By then the kids know who is going to be the champions. Not only do the winners go out and sell the tickets but the teams who were beaten by them went out and sold the raffle tickets so the champs can wear jackets on their backs," Mason explained proudly.

The kids who participate in AAA have certainly shown what good sports they are by their acts of salesmanship and smooth running of the raffle. AAA officials only have to process the tickets and the kids take it from there.

The entire championship squads of both male and female hoop leagues will have jackets to wear due to the impressive effort by the kids in selling tickets. "We even made $300 profit," Mason laughed.

This most recent raffle is the third that AAA has successfully launched, with sportsmanship being the key in each case. AAA's first raffle was held last summer for girls and boys baseball. The second raffle came late last fall for boys football and girls soccer. "We have given away 200 awards jackets from the receipts obtained in those first two raffles," Mason stated.

"The raffle shows a helluva lot of value that the kids have in sportsmanship. Instead of just congratulating the team that has won it all, they go out and provide the champs with jackets. This proves what really good sports the kids are," Mason said. AAA's activity is certainly unique. Not many associations can boast of such accomplishments.

AAA is a group that our community is very fortunate to have. Some individuals have, at times, severely criticized AAA. No organization is perfect. AAA is no exception. But just try to find an association in the area which provides the kids of our town with so much in terms of equipment and fun, and a sense of satisfaction in their accomplishments. Just try!

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

With old man winter kissing us goodbye for another year and the scent of flowers soon to fill the air, so begins the preseason for Agawam's spring sport armadas. The next three issues of the Citizen will conduct a preview of all spring varsity squads. This week's preview is varsity track, with next weeks issue scoping baseball and girls softball, followed by golf, boys tennis and girls tennis, while at the same time we will try to give the readers an update of each team's progress.

Track

Last year's record—4-6

Returning lettermen: In weight events, Sr. Joe Ramah (discus, shotput). In running and field events, Sr. Mark Deforge (100 yd. dash, 220, javelin), Sr. Hal Stuart (440, 880), Jr. Matty Mason (high hurdles, polevault), Jr. Kenny Hedges (low hurdles, 440 relay), Jr. Rich Snyder (880), Jr. Tom Basset (880 and mile), Soph. Phil Losito (2 mile, high jump, triple jump), Soph. Kevin Coughlin (mile).

Promising Newcomers: Sr. Mike Bodurtha (low hurdles, mile relay) Jr. John Bessette (mile), Soph. Tom Cassidy (440), and Soph. Phil Jensen (shotput, discus).

Strengths: middle distance men (440-880), and weights (discus, shotput).

Weaknesses: field events (lack of high jumpers, long jumpers, triple jumpers), few proven sprinters (100-220).

Outlook for 74 Campaign: Fair

Captains: Hal Stuart (runners), Joe Ramah (weights).

Head Coach: Joe Modzelewski.

Assistant Coach: Gus Young.

ATTENTION INTERESTED COACHES

The A.A.A. and Parks and Recreation Dept. are seeking men and women who are interested in coaching in the girl's softball league. A coaches meeting will be held Sunday, March 31 at the Senior Center to review plans for this coming season. Please contact the recreation department, 786-0400, ext. 33 or 57 for information. We are anticipating an expansion over last year and will need all the help we can get.

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PROFILE OF THE WEEK

BY RICK SARDELLA

After four years of playing varsity football, two campaigns of varsity basketball and currently entering his fourth fling on the varsity baseball diamond, one might wonder if Agawam senior Dave Michalak has any regrets about his constant running and sweating for the past four years. "None at all," Dave said bluntly. "My whole life has been centered around sports and I couldn't see myself doing anything else. It's been getting home from practice at 5:30 or 6 o'clock for four years now. It's what I like to do," he explained.

Dave's last comment is quite true. Since freshman days he has participated in athletic competition in Brownieland. During the fall "Mac" can be found on the gridiron where he takes the position of linebacker or defensive end and sometimes a little halfback. His broad 6 ft. 2 frame makes him perfect for football. His play over the last three seasons has been stellar. Coach Cliff Kibbe appointed Mac co-captain as a reward for many fine performances in his sophmore and junior years. "We had a lot of hard luck this past season. Our record (4-5) should have been better. We were in almost every ballgame but we just came up short," Mac sighed. "Injuries didn't help much either," he added. Due to the rash of mishaps towards the end of the season Mac was forced to play halfback along with his usual defensive duties. He responded well at running back in a very fine contest against powerhouse Chicopee Comp in the season's finale. Mac ground out tough yardage throughout the afternoon against a very tough Colt line.

With the end of fall Mac puts away his football helmet and begins to throw an orange ball around the gym. For the past two years he has started at forward for the Brownies with rebounding and defensive play. Dave's rough style of play often proved quite effective against taller opposition. His roughhouse manner would cause many opposing players to shy away from him under the boards. Mac said his offensive powers do not exactly dent the scoring column, but he added, "With players like Byrnes and Quinn around, there was no pressure on me to score. I could concentrate on rebounding all the time." "We had a good season," Mac said. "It's too bad we didn't win the league, but making the tournament is always a big thrill.

Mac is beginning his fourth campaign as a varsity baseball member. During his first two seasons he was used sparingly at first base. Last season Dave alternated every other game with Doug Janick at the first bag. Dave has played for two Valley Wheel champions. First as a freshman and the second last season. Mac stated that the Brownies will once again be top contenders this year but added sadly, "I think the tragic death of Dave Rossi will always be in our minds when we play. We're really going to miss "Ross" and we're just finding out how much right now. But team morale has been great so far and I'm confident of another good season."

When Dave leaves the sports scene he sees his spare time as something to make the best of. He enjoys partying with close friends or attending rock concerts; likes to fish and often "hits the beach".

When Mac was quizzed about streaking he answered slyly, "Streaking is all right. It doesn't affect me. But I'd like to see it at Agawam High School."

Dave's future plans include a prep school next year, possibly Deerfield or Avon Academy and is unsure whether he will transfer to UMass or to Ithaca. But one thing Dave Michalak is sure about is that athletics will always continue to play a major role in his life for years to come.

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1:00 Jack LaLanne Show
1:30 Mr. Magoo
2:00 Flipper
2:30 Tennessee Tuxedo
3:00 Porky Pig
3:30 Bugs Bunny
4:00 The Three Stooges
4:30 F Troop
5:00 McHale's Navy
5:30 Andy Griffith
6:00 Beverly Hillbillies
7:30 Wild, Wild, West
8:30 Everything Goes
10:00 The Saint
11:00 Laugh Classics
12:00 Late News

AM
12:30 Late News

Saturday
AM
10:55 Early News
11:00 Laugh Classics

PM
12:00 Beat The Clock
12:30 Wrestling
2:00 Limits of Man
2:30 Soul Train
3:30 Sat. Matinee Theatre
6:00 Century Cinema
8:00 Saturday Showcase
10:00 Ten O'Clock Movie
11:30 Viewpoint on Nutrition

AM
12:00 Faith For Today
12:30 Late News

Sunday
AM
7:55 Early News
8:00 Worship For Shut-Ins
8:30 Porky Pig
9:00 Bugs Bunny
9:30 Gulliver
10:00 Huck Finn
10:30 Mr. Magoo
11:00 Hour of Power

PM
12:00 Builders Showcase
12:30 Wally's Workshop
1:00 Bruin's Hilites
1:30 Laugh Classics
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9:00 The Saint
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3:00 Speed Racer
3:30 Batman
4:00 Little Rascals
4:30 Flintstones Hour
5:30 Gilligan's Island
7:00 The Untouchables
8:00 Movie
10:30 Night Gallery
11:30 Movie

Saturday
AM
8:30 Music & The Spoken Word
9:00 Day of Discovery
9:30 Kathryn Kuhlman
10:00 Little Rascals
10:30 This Week In The NBA
11:00 Wrestling
12:00 Roller Games

PM
2:00 Matinee
4:00 Outer Limits
5:00 Hee Haw
7:00 The Untouchables
8:30 Night Gallery
9:00 Hollywood's Golden Years
11:30 Movie

Sunday
AM
7:30 Huckleberry Hound
8:00 Speed Racer
8:30 Batman
9:00 Lost in Space
10:00 Flintstones Hour
11:00 Little Rascals
11:30 Gilligan's Island
12:00 Movie

PM
2:00 Movie
4:00 Big Movie
5:30 Movie
7:30 Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour
8:30 Lou Gordon
10:00 Dr. Norman Vincent Peale
10:30 Night Gallery
11:00 Point of View
11:30 People Power

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TUESDAY, APRIL 9 cup of juice, sloppy joe on roll, buttered kernel corn, school baked cookies, milk.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 11 cup of juice, baked hamburg & macaroni w/meat sauce, Italian bread and butter, creamy cole slaw, ice cream, milk.
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Agawam Lions Club, one of the host clubs for this event, covered the registration of all Lions and their Ladies. Mrs. Joan Noack and Mrs. Elaine Roberts were in charge of registration and they had a busy day registering more than 500 Lions and Ladies.

The Saturday morning business consisted of the following District Governor's report was given by Thomas Cascio, District governor of 33-Y, who attended with his wife, Florence Cabinet Secretary's report, Deputy District Governor's report; Publicity, Youth Exchange, Bulletin; Scrapbook, Lions Information, Leo Clubs; Winter Haven Project, Emergency Sight and Hearing and Hearing Conservation.

The luncheon was held in the Hall of Fame room. Cabinet Secretary Paul Tatro, who attended with his wife, Lucille, was surprised with a birthday cake and the singing of 'Happy Birthday'.

The second business meeting was held in the afternoon while the Ladies enjoyed a fashion show. Business on the afternoon agenda included Membership, Fund Raising, Eye Research, Independent Convention; State Convention, District Gov. Session, Eye Research; Glaucoma and Lazy Eye.

The District Governors Reception for International Director, Carter Everage, was enjoyed by all registered Lions and Ladies and was followed by the banquet.

The speaker for the evening was International Director, Carter Everage from Milane, Indiana. Mr. Everage's speech was informative and entertaining.

Co-chairmen Cliff Zundell and Gerd Schneider deserve honors for putting on one of the best conventions in many years.

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Agawam Lions entertained a party of 32 from the Holyoke Soldiers Home at a night out at the Springfield Civic Center where they enjoyed a hockey game between the Springfield Kings and the Boston Braves.

Lion Rene Thomas headed the group making arrangements for the affair and was assisted by the following Lions: Al Taupier, Jim Taupier, Bob, Brock and Ken Clouse. King Lion Warren Roberts and Mrs. Elaine Roberts were invited to the game also.

The group from the Holyoke Soldiers Home included three women, one confined to a wheelchair. They enjoyed the event and the members of the Agawam Lions Club, who used their cars to provide transportation, had a wonderful experience hel? helping their fellow man.

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The Senior Men's Club enjoyed a turkey dinner put on by the Agawam's Lions Club at the Lions Den at the Big E. There are several of these dinners held annually.

The club also plays pool every Wednesday at the Senior Center, bowls each Tuesday at the Riverside Bowling Alley. Thursday's are set aside for woodworking classes in the afternoon at Center School and card games are scheduled for Friday afternoon.

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